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Vivian Tuccaro looks at one of the billboards that have been placed in Leduc County in hopes of collecting information about her daughter's unsolved murder case. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Can roadside billboards help solve a murder?

Amber Alyssa Tuccaro. Police hope to ID killer through posters, suspect voice recording

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Police are hoping two new billboards in Leduc County will provide more leads for an unsolved homicide.

The billboards feature a picture of Amber Alyssa Tuccaro, who went missing back in August 2010. They also ask, "Have you heard the voice?" in hopes tips from nearby drivers will help identify a man heard in a cellphone conversation with Tuccaro released by Project KARE members as part of the investigation.

"It's really just an appeal to the public to take the time to go listen to the voice on the website. We're doing everything we can to help the family out and move the investigation forward," said Cpl. J.P. Zenko with Project KARE.

This isn't the first time a billboard has been used in a murder investigation, with several other cases also making use of public visibility. In this case, police want the billboards — located on Airport Road and Highway 814, as well as south of Nisku — to attract the attention of drivers heading into the Nisku industrial area daily.

Tuccaro was last seen in Nisku back in 2010, with her remains found two years later by horseback riders on a rural property in Leduc County.

The 20-year-old's family said they are still devastated with

Who to call

Anyone with information on Amber Alyssa Tuccaro is asked to call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or visit www.kare.ca.

the loss of a daughter and sister and want to see justice done.

"I believe in what goes around comes around and whoever did this, it'll come back to him. I can't wait for the day that it does happen, whether it's in the courtroom... I just want to find justice for my sister," said Paul Tuccaro, Amber's brother.

Police say the release of the audio recording earlier in the investigation did generate some tips, something they hope the billboards will also do.

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Hostage-taking

Crown asks for life sentence in man's 'horrific' run from law

William Bicknell vowed he wasn't going back to prison.

The convicted killer made his escape while on an escorted pass from Drumheller Institution in southern Alberta in March 2011. On the ride back from visiting his sister in Edmonton, he feigned a heart attack, pulled out a knife and overpowered the lone guard who was driving.

At various times over the next 10 days, Bicknell held the guard and three other people hostage.

His run for freedom eventually ended in a car chase and gun battle with RCMP. He was shot twice in the head, but survived.

On Tuesday, the 45-year-old pleaded guilty to 14 charges, including unlawful confinement, escaping lawful custody, robbery and weapons offences.

"I truly believed I was going to be murdered," guard Darryl Steeves told the judge in a victim impact statement.

Steeves said he has witnessed riots, murders and beatings in prison but never felt such loss of control as when Bicknell overtook him that day.

The Crown, calling it a "horrific series of crimes," asked that Bicknell receive a life sentence on all charges, with no chance of parole for 10 years. The defence told the judge Bicknell hadn't physically hurt his victims and suggested a 14- to 16-year term.

Justice Eric Macklin said he would decide Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Samuel Villamuez was left on a school bus after he fell asleep on his way home. COURTESY ANDRES VILLAMUEZ

Six-year-old child abandoned on bus

Left behind. Driver of school bus suspended; investigation ongoing



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A Golden Arrow school bus driver has been suspended after a six-year-old boy was left alone on a school bus instead of being dropped off at home last week.

After falling asleep during his ride home from Father Leo Green Catholic last

Thursday, Samuel Villamuez awoke in an abandoned bus in a parking lot, according to his father Andres.

The Grade 2 student then had to use the door handle to leave the bus and find help.

With several questions as to how this could happen, Andres Villamuez said he was told conflicting stories from Golden Arrow as to what actually happened that day.

The bus company contacted the father almost an hour after Samuel was originally supposed to be home, saying "the school bus driver forgot to stop at your home."

Uncertainty

"I feel frustrated, also mad, and I feel sad because I need to know from them the truth."

Andres Villamuez, the boy's father

A day later, Villamuez said, he was told by school officials that the bus driver in fact had found his son and took him back home, as stated in an email from the contracted bus company.

An Edmonton Catholic Schools spokesperson said the whole incident goes against school procedures, which dictate bus drivers

have to walk to the back "to ensure that no students have been left on the bus."

"That procedure was obviously not followed," said Lori Nagy.

Golden Arrow was not available for comment before press time.

The incident is still being investigated by school officials.

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EPS looking to strengthen CAT deployments in budget

Funding hike. Proposed increase would see more frequent deployments



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Edmonton police are hoping to lend new resources to their very successful Community Action Team (CAT) deployments.

As part of its budget request, the force is proposing six new officers assigned permanently to CAT deployments.

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson said the teams have been really effective any time they have been used.

"We have had 26 deployments to date with the CAT and in that time frame, we have seen over 150 arrests and over 2,400 warrants executed and 58 summons issued," he said.

Simpson said those numbers are encouraging, but the biggest benefit from the CAT deployments is the interactions police get to have with people in their neighbourhood.

Budget requests

In total, EPS is looking to add 35 new positions and proposes to have its budget rise by \$7.1 million.

"The bigger piece is we have also seen 42,000 public interactions where we have had an opportunity to speak to the community," he said.

He said the new officers would help co-ordinate large-scale CAT deployments and conduct smaller ones more often.

Murray Davison, executive director of the Old Strathcona Business Association, said the deployments in Old Strathcona have been great.

"It is a big part of our community policing efforts and what it really does is it allows us to set the tone," he said.

Davison said the deployments also have measurable impacts. "Our crime statistics go down and we see a lot of impact well after the event, so it is not just the night of."



An EPS officer talks with a member of the public at a CAT deployment at the Coliseum LRT Station last year. COURTESY EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

Edmontonians to fight for survival in zombie event



Zombies will walk around an undisclosed location for a zombie apocalypse simulation game.

COURTESY MARK-ANTHONY HOWARDS-STONES

Do you have what it takes to survive a zombie apocalypse? Edmontonians will get a chance to test their skills this February.

As part of a live-action zombie submersion event, participants will have to act out their designated character and fight to stay alive for 18 hours with

only a backpack filled with protein bars, water and a small weapon.

With 300 people expected to participate, the Stay Dead event will start off with only a handful of costumed zombies, but as people travel through the environment, more people will be lost to the undead

horde, until there is only one left standing.

Creator and event manager Mark-Anthony Howards-Stones brought the idea to Edmonton after hosting three international events. He wanted to host an event that would not only scare people but feel more lifelike than a smaller-

scale event.

"It's going to be as realistic as you would ever want to get to it," said Howards-Stones.

Organizers say once a participant is bit by a zombie, they are then turned into a member of the undead, makeup and all.

"It's simply to give an awesome experience to people and

for people to enjoy it," he said.

The February event will be 18 years or older, with a second day event planned for people 16 years or older.

The event costs \$150 for players and \$80 for zombies. Registration can be done at staydeadevents.webs.com.

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International student tuition expected to rise

Not sitting well.
Increase is leaving
a sour taste in the
mouths of students:
Union president

The University of Alberta Students' Union sees a big rise in tuition for international students next year.

Student Union President Petros Kusmu said through the school's tuition advisory committee, they have been told international students will be paying a lot more come next fall.

"We'll see a five per cent increase and especially for those who are in programs such as business, pharmacy, engineering they will see even higher increases," he

said.

Kusmu said for a pharmacy student that could mean an additional \$1,700 on their tuition bill next year.

He said the increase is leaving a sour taste in the mouths of international students.

"What we are hearing from international students is they feel like they are being treated as cash cows," he said.

Kusmu said international

students already pay substantially more and there are fewer scholarships and bursaries for them to apply to.

"At the end of the day international students are expected to foot the bill more," he said.

The University of Alberta was unable to provide someone to speak to the issue before press time.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



International students should expect to pay more at the University of Alberta next year. METRO FILE

Keystone XL. Premier says trip to D.C. to promote pipeline went well

Premier Alison Redford says she senses a shift in discussions with some U.S. government officials about the proposed Keystone XL oilsands pipeline.

After her fifth trip to Washington, D.C., Tuesday to lobby for the project, Redford says some people there are starting to appreciate that shipping bitumen by rail generates more greenhouse gases than shipping it by pipeline.

Redford says she met with U.S. State Department officials as well as members of Congress and the Senate and the talks went very well.

She says she continued to promote Alberta's environmental record, including carbon capture and storage projects and new land use policies.

Some Americans say the Keystone XL pipeline would reduce U.S. reliance on crude imports from unfriendly countries and create jobs, but others argue the environmental risks are too high.

TransCanada Corp. filed its Keystone XL proposal more than five years ago and expects a decision will be made soon.

"I actually feel that the discussion that I have been able to have with people, some of whom I have met before who are following this closely and some who I have met for the first time, leads me to believe that people are really fully seized with these issues, have understood the discussion that we have been trying to have out of Alberta and that it is going very well," she said Tuesday.

The \$5.4-billion US Keystone project would ship bitumen from Alberta's oilsands to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Redford suggested she was encouraged by the discussions in the U.S. capital about shipping crude derived from the oilsands by pipeline versus by rail.

"A lot of that product is being transported by rail at the moment, and that is something that is receiving quite a bit of attention in the United States, partly because we know that transportation by rail leads to higher greenhouse gas emissions than a pipeline would," Redford said.

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From left, Cal Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations; Premier Alison Redford; and Gary Doer, Canada's Ambassador to the United States, walk in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

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Nevin and Kara Fenske are hoping to add to their food truck business with a new cart funded through an online competition. CONTRIBUTED

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A popular local food truck is hoping to expand its reach with a business boost from an online competition.

The Drift food truck is looking for a cash infusion from software company Intuit, who are sponsoring a competition to grant business wishes to 11 small businesses.

To win the contest, Drift needs to get the most votes

Quoted

"I don't really want to say what we would be serving. That is still a secret."

Truck owner Kara Fenske

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on an online poll the company has set up, which features many Alberta businesses.

Truck owner Kara Fenske said if they win they will be using the prize for an expansion, adding a smaller food cart to go along with their current truck.

"It would just be a cart, not another truck, but I don't really want to say what we would be serving. That is still a secret," she said.

She said their current business works, but it would be nice to be able to be more flexible.

"The truck is mobile but it is large so it costs a lot to run. This one would make it more flexible for us."

Community tragedy

Third arrest made in Yellowbird case

A third arrest has been made in the murder of Chelsea Yellowbird, the 23-year-old woman who was shot outside of a residence at the Samson Cree Nations on September 5, 2011.

Wacey Applegarth, 20, from Hobbema was arrested on Nov. 8 and

charged with first-degree murder, according to police.

Shelby Minde, 20, and Randall Omeasoo, 21 were arrested last week and have also been charged with first-degree murder.

"The death of Chelsea Yellowbird was a tragedy for this entire community," said Inspector Charles Wood of Maskwacis (Hobbema) RCMP Detachment in a news release.

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Last seen at gas station

Police lay murder charge, still seeking remains

Police are still looking for the body of missing British Columbia man Valentine Degenhardt, who was last seen at the Barrhead gas station on July 17.

Police were recently led to Degenhardt's 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee in a

remote area off Highway 32 between Whitecourt and Swan Hills.

Three individuals from Barrhead have been charged in relation to the suspected death of Degenhardt.

Norman "John" Jerrett, 46, is charged with first-degree murder, robbery, break and enter and indignity to a dead body. Norma McAllister, 45, and Carl McAllister, 29, are charged with accessory after the fact. METRO

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NAIT instructor Armand Cadieux dons headgear for Project Vulcan, a hands-free game that reads brain scans — no hand controllers needed. The project is at the prototype stage and will see version 1.0 by end of this school year.
LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Let's play a mind game

Look ma, no hands.

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology creates Project Vulcan, a game that you play using your thoughts

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NAIT students have helped build a video game that's a brain drain of a different variety — a hands-free, mind-controlled game that looks and sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie.

The aptly-named Project Vulcan is a prototype built with the help of game development students at NAIT, under the guidance of game design in-

Quoted

"We're teaching students how to build a game, but also how to think beyond and bring in all this other hardware."

NAIT instructor Armand Cadieux

structor Armand Cadieux and game programming instructor John Winski.

The game is set aboard a space station, where players become robots trying to escape by embodying a series of stronger robots.

The mind-bending part is that players use only their thoughts, no hand-held controllers — to take over other

robots.

"How we play games has changed in the last couple years," said Cadieux.

"We're all on mobile devices — now only the minority of games are played on consoles. Technology has made things like these EEG-type headsets available commercially, so developers can create applications for existing hardware."

Cadieux points to the use of similar technology with paraplegics, who can move a wheelchair with a brain-sensor headset.

He says using hardware this way is a logical next step in the ever-morphing gaming industry.

Co-creator Winski calls the now 10-minute game tricky, but one that teaches focus at a time when life is all about multi-tasking.

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There was no existing model to help kids get off the streets, so the iHuman Youth Society invented one. Since 1997, thousands of traumatized youth have changed their lives through the arts.



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Feds compensate Alberta \$2.8B for its flood claims

Ottawa has earmarked \$2.8 billion to pay for Alberta's flood recovery costs.

Federal Employment Minister Jason Kenney told reporters Tuesday the amount is 90 per cent of the \$3.1 billion in claims that the province submitted following devastating floods that hit southern Alberta in June.

The federal government reimburses provinces for up to 90 per cent of approved claims under the disaster assistance agreement between Ottawa and the provinces.

"Big picture? This is going to be a huge, huge federal fiscal commitment to post-flood reconstruction efforts in Alberta and the \$2.8 billion I do not anticipate that will be the end of it," Kenney said.

"I do anticipate Alberta will be coming back with additional information and



An aerial view of downtown Calgary during the June floods.

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eligible expenses and we're prepared to respond to those accordingly."

Severe flooding in southern Alberta forced thousands of people from their homes and devastated the

Town of High River. Calgary and some other communities also suffered serious damage.

Kenney says the number isn't written in stone.

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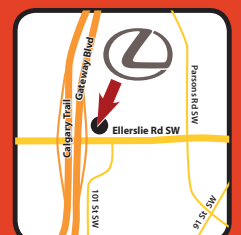
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Artist explains bizarre Moscow protest

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Metro World News in Moscow

The performance artist who was arrested after stripping naked and nailing his scrotum to the cobblestones of Red Square has been released. Pyotr Pavlensky, 29, drove a nail through his genitals on Sunday while sitting on Russia's most famous square be-

fore police took him to the hospital and then to custody. A court dismissed charges of "petty hooliganism" and released him Monday. Metro spoke with Pavlensky to find out how he managed to perform his stunt.

Q: How did you pull this stunt before they could stop you?

A: I understood that there is surveillance everywhere. But

I had an advantage because every other illegal protest on Red Square has people waving flags and is very visible. The police can react on such things.

Q: What was the message behind your performance?

A: I heard that when conditions are bad in prison, convicts drive nails into their bodies. To this I added an act of humility be-

fore my country. What I mean is that people find what is excessive, on what nails them but they do nothing. It makes them feel helpless.

Q: Did you speak with doctors about the possible consequences of such performance?

A: I didn't notice any consequences to my health. You know, I didn't try to nail my

eye! When I was nailing my testicles I wasn't scared at all, but when I was preparing (for the stunt), I was. All the fears and phobias doubled up.

Q: How did you prepare?

A: I thought about my clothes. And I tried to undress quickly. I had to be sure that I could take off my clothes in 40 seconds. Otherwise, the stunt could fail.

No stranger to pain

- In 2012, the artist sewed his mouth shut with a coarse thread in support of Pussy Riot.
- In May this year, in a demonstration called "Carcass," Pavlensky wrapped his naked body in a "cocoon" of barbed wire until he was freed with wire clippers.



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No riding the art, please

Workers uncrate a pendulum sculpture near Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., prior to it being reinstalled Tuesday. It was removed in September due to safety concerns as the cable had begun to fray as students used it to mimic a Miley Cyrus video.

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Was she playing Miley? Spanish woman sues piano-playing neighbour

To most people, noise pollution is a jet engine roaring over their head. For one Spanish woman, it was a neighbour practising piano.

The woman has taken her neighbours in the apartment below — a 27-year-old pianist and her parents — to court. Now prosecutors want to send all three to jail for over seven years on charges of psychological damage and noise pollution.

Neighbours often complain about street and bar noise in Spain, but prosecutors seeking jail time for someone playing

the piano is unheard of — especially since that musician is now a professional concert pianist.

At the trial in the northeastern city of Gerona, Sonia Bosom claimed she suffered noise pollution from 2003 to 2007 due to the five-days-a-week, eight-hour practice sessions of Laia Martin.

Martin, 27, denies that she played at home that often.

On Monday, the El Pais newspaper reported that Bosom told the court she now hates pianos so much she can't even stand to see them in a film.

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Condom slogan causes uproar

'Anonymously get inside.' What creators say was an 'innocent joke' called 'borderline rape paraphernalia' by student newspaper

Students at Calgary's Mount Royal University have come under intense scrutiny after planning to distribute up to 1,000 condoms with the message "Anonymously get inside" on them.

Those most bothered by the initiative, steered by administrators with the MRU Confessions Facebook page, are alleging it "promotes rape culture" and are demanding an apology.

While the moderators of the page said Tuesday they intend to solicit a new slogan from one of nearly 7,000 fol-



The controversial slogan on these condoms has come under intense criticism from peers and faculty at Calgary's Mount Royal University. FACEBOOK

lowers of their Facebook page, they maintained the condoms were meant as an "innocent joke."

"We weren't made aware of the gravity of it until people started mentioning it to us publicly.... I'll say that, on our part, maybe we should have thought it through," said one man, who identified himself as "Admin2."

Tensions at Mount Royal's campus came to a head after

an opinion piece was published by staff with the student newspaper, The Reflector, which deemed the condoms "borderline rape paraphernalia."

The Facebook page's administrators dismissed those claims as "absurd," and said the slogan was a play on an event called "Masked Anonymous" they hosted for Mount Royal students in October.

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Rob Ford still holding his head up

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford holds a bobblehead doll of himself at Toronto's city hall on Tuesday. Hundreds lined up to be the first to own the doll, the proceeds of which go to charity. The \$20 bobbleheads were restricted to one per person, and with only 1,000 made, they quickly sold out. Meanwhile, despite intense pressure on him to step down, his brother Coun. Doug Ford insisted the he would not, saying, "He has to keep busy." FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Laval, Que. Three girls suffer minor injuries after car crashes into daycare

Three young girls escaped with minor injuries Tuesday after a car smashed through the plate-glass window of the daycare centre they attended and came to rest in a play area.

The children were rushed to hospital for treatment along with the driver of the car, an 80-year-old woman who suffered shock and minor injuries to her back, said Const. Franco Di Genova.

The three girls were aged three, four and five years old and were not seriously injured, Di Genova said, adding one of them had been released from hospital and another

was expected to be sent home by the end of the afternoon.

One little girl was either hit by the vehicle or flying debris and suffered wounds to her face, said Di Genova. She was expected to be released from hospital on Wednesday.

A doctor at Montreal's Ste-Justine Hospital said she is stable and that the injuries could have been much worse.

"We're pleased the injuries are not as serious as we could imagine given the situation," said Dr. Antonio D'Angelo, the emergency room chief at the hospital.

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A police officer surveys the scene after a car crashed into a daycare centre in Laval, Que., Tuesday. Three children were taken to hospital with minor injuries. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa

Thief flees with woman's ponytail in bizarre attack

A man snuck up behind a woman in Ottawa on Sunday and lopped off her ponytail, police say.

The thief "grabbed the woman from behind, controlled her and then proceeded to cut off the victim's ponytail," a police news release said. The victim fought the thief who then fled with the hair.

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London, Ont.

Plan to let seniors bike on sidewalks may still go ahead

London, Ont.'s director of roads and transportation admits it's more dangerous for cyclists to ride on sidewalks than on city streets, but said seniors may still be allowed to do so.

Ed Soldo said a plan to allow London's seniors to use sidewalks rather than traffic-heavy streets may still fly, but more public input is required before it gets the green light. METRO IN LONDON

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Disaster relief

Canadian military team reaches the Philippines

A Canadian reconnaissance team landed Tuesday in the Philippines for talks with local officials on how best to provide military help to the Southeast Asian country in the wake of last week's vicious typhoon.

But Canada's larger, military Disaster Assistance Response Team, which deployed for the Philippines on Monday, is currently in Hawaii, waiting for specifics on how and where it can help.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said the DART will be available "at a moment's notice" once the Canadian advance team has provided its assessment.

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Lesbians targeted

5 women jailed under Senegal's anti-gay law

Senegalese police detained five women accused of violating the country's anti-gay law, highlighting increased pressure on suspected lesbians in the deeply conservative West African nation, an activist group said Tuesday.

The five women were

detained early Monday morning during a birthday party at a restaurant in Dakar's Yoff district that has been described in the Senegalese press as a meeting point for gay men and lesbians, said Ndeye Kebe, president of the activist group Women's Smile.

The five women were expected to appear in court Tuesday, though Kebe said they had been unable to afford a lawyer.

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Philippine military personnel try to prioritize children and women first as people wait for evacuation flights in Tacloban, central Philippines, Tuesday.

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Philippines aid efforts pick up, but needs unmet

Tacloban. The city of 220,000 bore the full force of the winds and the tsunami-like storm surges Friday

U.S. Brig Gen. Paul Kennedy said that later Wednesday his troops would install equipment at Tacloban airport to allow planes to land at night. Tacloban city was almost completely destroyed in Friday's typhoon and has become the main relief hub.

The damaged airport on Tacloban, a coastal city of 220,000, houses makeshift clinics and thousands of people looking for a flight out. A doctor here said supplies of antibiotics and anesthetics arrived Tuesday for the first time.

"Until then, patients had to endure the pain," said Dr. Victoriano Sambale.

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Relief operations in this typhoon-devastated region of the Philippines picked up pace Wednesday, but the minimal amounts of water, food and medical supplies reaching the hardest-hit areas were causing increasingly desperate survivors to take matters into their own hands.

In the first reported deaths as a result of looting, eight people were crushed to death when a wall collapsed as they and thousands of others stormed a rice warehouse on Leyte Island, the worst-hit region by Friday's storm, said National Food Authority spokesman Rex Estoperez.

The looters in Alangalang municipality Tuesday carted away up to 100,000 sacks of rice, he said.

Since the storm, people have broken into homes, malls and garages, where they have stripped the shelves of food, water and other goods. Authorities have struggled to stop the looting. There have been unconfirmed reports of armed gangs involved in some instances.

The incident shows the urgency in getting food and water distributed to the disaster zone.

Aviation authorities said two more airports in the region had reopened, allowing for more aid flights.

The aftermath

Most of Tacloban is in ruins, a tangled mess of destroyed houses, cars and trees. Malls, garages and shops have all been stripped of food and water by hungry residents.

- 8 crushed to death when thousands looted government rice warehouse.
- 1,883 confirmed dead.
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Vancouver picks up new habit: Recycling pesky cigarette butts

Up in smoke. The busy city has launched a project to turn butts, which litter its sidewalks, into industrial plastics



EMILY JACKSON
Metro in Vancouver

Smoke 'em if you got 'em — just don't forget to recycle 'em afterward.

Vancouver launched the world's first municipal cigarette butt recycling program on Tuesday, a pilot project that aims to get butts off the streets.

TerraCycle, a global company that recycles "stuff that can't be recycled" like chewing gum and dirty diapers, will install 110 re-

Reaction

- **Sherri, smoker:** "I always put it in the garbage — I try to be respectful. I think these are very productive things."
- **Charles Gauthier, Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association:** "This is a better solution since it deals with end product. All we were doing before was picking them up and throwing them away."
- **Irritated smoker:** "What about the people who pick up cigarette butts and roll their own smokes?"

cycling receptacles with stickers that say "Recycle

Your Butts Here" TerraCycle founder Tom Szaky said Monday.

Staff from Downtown Eastside non-profits EM-BERS and United We Can will collect the butts, with the bottle depot shipping the waste to TerraCycle for processing into industrial plastics.

TerraCycle is funding the pilot with the goal of replicating the program around the world.

"Vancouver was the first city, so we wanted to invest in it to make it happen," Szaky said. Two major American cities are already looking at copying the idea, he added.

The city will conduct "litter audits" before and after the bins were installed to see if cigarette waste actually decreases.

Random biz fact of the day

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Re-election fever: Feds predict \$3.7B surplus in 2015

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The new projection was announced by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in his fall economic update at a speech before the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

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Silicon Valley smackdown

Apple, Samsung face off in court again over patents

A federal judge and lawyers for the world's two biggest smartphone makers began picking a jury Tuesday to determine how much Samsung Electronics owes Apple for copying vital iPhone and iPad features.

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Death of cable TV? Amazon follows lead of Netflix, Hulu with original shows

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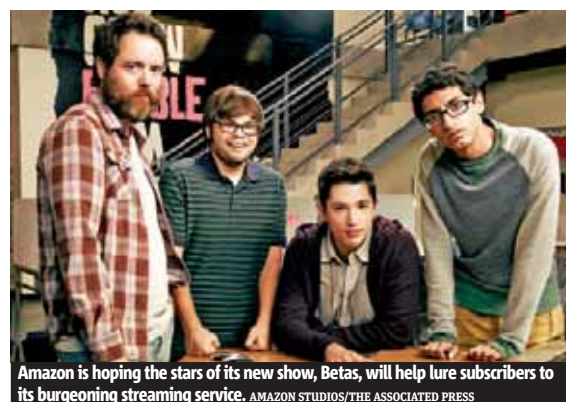
Inside a towering soundstage, just around the corner from where such television comedies as TBS's *Cougar Town* and Showtime's *Episodes* have been filmed, another production is in full swing. A set depicting a high-tech, two-storey office is hosting a boozy party scene for *Betas*, a comedy about a quirky crew of app creators in Silicon Valley.

But unlike its neighbouring productions, the new series will likely never air on TVs. Instead, it will stream on them, in

addition to many other devices. *Betas* is one of the first original series from Amazon, the online retail giant who's taking a cue from Netflix and Hulu by producing its own shows that will only be available on Amazon Instant Video, a content service for paying members.

Amazon's move into content creation is another click in the evolution of online video, legitimized earlier this year by the success of *House of Cards*, the political drama from online streaming service Netflix, starring Kevin Spacey.

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Amazon is hoping the stars of its new show, *Betas*, will help lure subscribers to its burgeoning streaming service. AMAZON STUDIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Douglas Coupland

Douglas Coupland's latest novel, *Worst. Person. Ever.*, is available from Random House Canada.

Day 8

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Help really wanted

A good nanny is hard to find

Although it seems there's no shortage of help-wanted and job-seeker postings for temporary workers online, some say finding a temporary worker is harder than some might think.

Melissa Namer, a Moose Jaw resident trying to find a child-care provider to look after her kids while she returns to school, said she's had no luck finding a temporary worker.

"I've had that ad up for about a month and I've had no successful people (apply)," she said in a phone interview.

"It's mostly teenagers and young kids who just want to make a few bucks, while I'm looking for someone to look after my kids while I'm in school."

She said while there has been some response, those applying have been under-qualified or unwilling to commit.

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Jq Frost, the star of Supernanny
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Temp Stumbles Upon a Shootout

"Get back!" A policeman standing in front of the yellow-taped off parking lot barked at us to move. We saw police snipers on the roof.

Sarah No. 3 was close by and we asked what was happening.

"Kevin Taylor is bunkered inside the remains of the warehouse."

"And...?"

"He says he's going to kill himself."

"Oh God. Any hostages?"

"They don't think so."

Talk about drama. Just then, the Shoeman and his father, Xu Senior, pulled up across the street and came over. We filled them in. Xu Senior went in pursuit of more info while, as per our agreement, Shoeman pretended to speak English as though he'd been taught in Peoples' Glorious Education Facility Number 43,607: "This episode with gun create many unglorious feng shui problems. May jeopardize once benevolent deal to buy company."

The Sarahs both saw their buyout stake evaporating, panicked, and went to hunt for Mel from Payroll.

Shoeman reached into a Whole Foods paper bag for snacks. Once the Sarahs were out of earshot I asked him what he was eating.

"Two hundred bucks worth of raw unfarmed British Columbia salmon. Nothing like it

for marathon training. Want some?"

"Ick, no thanks. Would a shooting really kill the sale of the company?"

"My dad's totally old school. He can't buy a building someone's died in. A standoff like this could be just as bad. I could care less, but I think we have to fly back to China tonight and discuss this with the family."

"Really?"

"Yup. Which also upsets my training schedule, because yesterday I found this perfect running track nearby — an elementary school they closed because of tax cuts. The soft unmown grass is perfect on my feet."

I grew worried... "What about ...what about our secret plan?"

He winked at me. "One day at a time, Shannon. By the way, I was guest at a poker night and I found out what they make at the defense contractor next door there."

It was like in the movies: guys in black running across the roof, with more guys closing in from all sides.



"What?"

"In-dash beverage caddies for drones."

"My sister would love that — hey wait — drones are unmanned!"

"Gotcha."

Then shots rang out. Holy crap! We ran and ducked behind a pickup. It was like in the movies: guys in black running across the roof, with more guys closing in from all sides. I was really frightened Kevin would get killed. He's a nice guy but life simply hasn't been too kind to him lately.

There was some silence and then we heard squeaking wheels, like a child's toy wagon. A moving dolly rolled out of the open double-wide doors of the ware-

Random fact of the day

Some people just can't cope in a sticky situation.

- Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.

SOURCE: ASK.COM



house. Duct-taped on top of it was a poorly-made effigy of Kevin from the waist up. It was holding a broomstick as a rifle and was shot through with bullets.

"Uh oh." **TO BE CONTINUED...**

Random biz fact of the day

23%

Watch your language when you slam that overhyped Thai-food place: 23 per cent of employers review candidates' posts on Yelp.com and other rating sites. SOURCE: NEXCAREER

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BALONEY IS AS BALONEY DOES

The Internet has changed everything, from shopping to sex.

It's even changed cheating. There's a web site based in Toronto called Ashley Madison that caters to consenting married people looking for an affair.

And it makes no bones about it: "Life is short. Have an affair" is the tag line.

The site contends that there are zillions of other like-minded cheaters just like you looking for a dangerous liaison. But one woman says many of the adventurous females on the site are fake profiles.

And she should know. She wrote 'em.

Someone named Dorian Silva claims she wrote 1,000 fake profiles in three weeks, so many that she came down with severe carpal tunnel syndrome, and is now suing the website for \$20 million US for damages.

There's no honour among cheats, apparently.

Ashley Madison is owned by Toronto businessman Noel Bi-



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derman, who is worth \$100 million US according to CelebrityNetWorth.com, mainly on the strength of AshleyMadison.com. There is no actual Ashley Madison, but that hasn't stopped over 17 million people from trying to hook up with her.

Biderman told Barbara Walters on The View that the reason the site is so popular is that it focuses on the needs of adult female cheaters — and nothing attracts a male of the species more than a female of the same species.

So it's important that AshleyMadison.etc is fully stocked with attractive adult female cheaters, even if they allegedly have to make up so many fakes that the profilers sustain \$20 million injuries.

Faced with Ms. Silva's not-so-shocking revelation, AshleyMadison.etc is crying foul, contending that it's "100 per cent authentic" and the company "won't give in to extortion." It also sent Business Insider pics of Dorian, taken from her Facebook

page, riding a jet ski and playing the bongos, all taken since she retired in alleged pain from writing fake profiles.

You have to wonder about someone who sues her employer for damage to her wrists, then turns around and posts photos of herself engaging in activities that require healthy wrists. Obviously, all that fake profile damaged more than her wrists. It spread to her brain.

There's a lesson in all of this. In fact, there's probably more than one. Let's try to sort them out.

For example, it's possible to make \$100 million out of nothing. (Oh, and Noel Biderman is happily married and 100 per cent faithful to his wife. Do as I say...)

Or if that profile "WillingToBeWhateverYouWant-MeToBe365" sounds too good to be true, it is.

Or Dorian? Why didn't you listen to your lawyer when he told you not to go on Facebook with the bongos?

Or you still don't understand that the Internet is hazardous to your health, and not just your wrists? Tried bird watching?

Or how about: It's still the same old story, the fundamental things apply: Baloney's still baloney, as time goes by.

ZOOM

Up in smoke, so no smoking up



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Seized Afghan narcotics burned

More than 20 tonnes of drugs and thousands of bottles of alcohol were burned by Afghan authorities in their fight against the narcotics trade amid a fresh surge in opium cultivation.

Government officials, ambassadors and military commanders gathered on a mountainside outside Kabul to burn the drugs, which were seized from smugglers in recent months. **METRO**

Narcotics burned

400

kg of heroin

1,200

kg of morphine

2,000

kg of opium

10,000

kg of hashish

Afghan opium

- Afghanistan produces more than 90 per cent of the world's opium, the key ingredient of heroin.
- One kilo of dry opium sells at \$160 to \$200. In contrast, a kilo of wheat pays only 41 cents.
- Since 2001, the U.S. has spent \$6.3 billion to curb the Afghan opium industry.

Government's view

"This event shows our increased capabilities fighting drugs."

Baz Mohammad Ahmadi, Afghan deputy interior minister for counter-narcotic programs

Ahmadi said the drugs were seized over the past 10 months in and around Kabul.

Mohammad Ibrahim Azhar, the deputy counter-narcotics minister, said that opium cultivation had increased this year, but refused to provide details to reporters before the official launch of the upcoming 2013 drugs report.

Clickbait



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From stop motion to time lapse to hyper lapse, there's all sorts of fancy ways to have fun with photos and bring your stills to life. It used to take thousands of dollars of gear, hours of editing and the patience of a saint to pull off those sorts of photographic feats. But the creative folks over at Teehan+Lax labs are bringing hyper lapse to the people. Using Google Street View you can instantly create hyper lapses of just about anywhere the Google cars have travelled. Once you're done mapping your own hometown, take a look at some world class cities.

Berlin hyper-lapse:

Credited as the vanguard of the hyper lapse scene, Shahab Gabriel Behzumi's hyper lapse of Berlin is said to have popularized the technique.

Welcome to London:

This hyper lapse film made by Mattia Bicchi Photography shows London's skyline from Canary Wharf to Tower Bridge over a period of three years.

Paris 2013:

Filmed in April, this hyper lapse takes you through the streets of Paris from day to night.



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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Metro's Jessica Napier says it's immature to stalk exes on Facebook and watch *Pretty Little Liars*. What do you think is inappropriate for a late-20-something?

@FraserAust: Excessive sleeping around, and at the same time trying

to shame guys into marrying.

@Canucklehead_ca: Try to stay clear of crack pipes. (Drunken stupor or not.)

@BuckyHermit: Or Twitter. Ahem.

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The familiar tale of friends and frenemies intertwined

New movie. The Best Man Holiday follows a traditional formula of rivalries and rekindled romances that are all wrapped up in a reunion



IN FOCUS

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The Return of the Secaucus Seven sees a group of college friends come together 10 years after they were arrested on the way to a 1970 peace protest in Washington D.C.

In the 1979 film they reminisce about the good old days, flirt and establish the basic theme of all reunion movies: "What's a little reunion without a little drama?"

This weekend Terrence Howard, Sanaa Lathan, Taye Diggs and Morris Chestnut are part of a core group of college friends who put that theory to the test in The Best Man Holiday. As IMDB says, expect "long-forgotten rivalries and romances to be ignited."

The idea of seeing old friends and frenemies after a long break offers loads of opportunities for drama and comedy.

Romy and Michele's High School Reunion played their high school 10th anniversary get together for laughs. The pair of friends big up their



The Best Man Holiday opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

One more

More somber is Young Adult, a Charlize Theron dramedy about Mavis Grey (Theron), a ghostwriter of novels for teens who accepts an invite for a baby shower from her high school ex-boyfriend, hoping that he will fall back

in love with her during their reunion.

- **Quote on Young Adult.** "Sometimes in order to heal," Charlize Theron says, "A few people have to get hurt."

post Grade 12 adventures in an effort to intimidate their old friends.

"Well, I thought the whole point of going to the reunion was to impress people," says

Michele (Lisa Kudrow). "I mean, how am I gonna impress anybody by selling ban-lon smocks at Bargain Mart."

National Lampoon's Class Reunion takes a different

comedic approach to the subject.

Mixing murder with nostalgia, it's the story of Walter Baylor (Blackie Dammett, father of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' singer Anthony Kiedis), an unhinged nerd seeking revenge during his 10th high school reunion as payback for a mean prank played on him during senior year.

"One more move and she gets a hole where she doesn't need one," says Walter.

Grosse Pointe Blank takes a more wistful approach to post school socials. John

Cusack plays a mysterious graduate who has a life changing epiphany 10 years after graduation.

"You know," he says, "when you started getting invited to your 10-year high school reunion, time is catching up."

Complicating matters is his job. He's a hit man.

"What am I gonna say? 'I killed the president of Paraguay with a fork. How've you been?'"

He's hired to bump off the father of his high school girlfriend for whom he still has feelings.

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Write, sing, repeat — it's the Macy Gray way

Looking back. The singer's new tour takes on her old material, which "still resonate to the present," she says

MARA LITTMAN

Metro World News

At the turn of the century, Macy Gray burst onto the music scene, winning multiple Grammy and MTV awards for her 1999 album, *On How Life Is*.

Audiences fell for her signature raspy voice and unique blend of soul, rock, disco and hip-hop. Her sound was both new and retro.

Gray is still doing this same two-step of one foot in the future and one pointing to the past with her current tour, which takes listeners through the full *On How Life Is* album. She is adamant that the tour is a bigger step forward than it is a step back, though.

"I'm not a look-back per-



Macy Gray is slowly making her way back into the spotlight with her new tour. GETTY IMAGES

son. I rarely do that. It still means a lot to me, and what's happening in my life now," she says of the album. "When I'm up there (the songs) still resonate to the present. I didn't write them to be that

way, but I think with simple life stuff, you'll have it years from now. You're still dealing with love, your spirit and yourself, forever."

In the 14 years since her initial fame, Gray has raised

three children, appeared in a number of films and produced seven studio albums. Life remains her biggest commercial success.

The fact that she's performing these songs at

Macy's motto

"I'm not a look-back person. I rarely do that. It still means a lot to me, and what's happening in my life now."

Macy Gray
Talking about how she approaches her life after 14 years in the music industry

venues that are the same size as the ones she played when she was first starting out doesn't seem to faze her.

"You learn a lot playing clubs and having people right in your face," she says.

"But my mind and my heart are always on the same planet. That doesn't change for me. The atmosphere, the vibe and how loud the crowd is, (that's) always different."

Although a lot has changed with how life is since *On How Life Is*, Gray says the biggest change has been an internal one.

"I just really got, in these last few years, to the point

where I could communicate the way I always wanted to," she says.

Since *On How Life Is* clocks in at less than 45 minutes, she's bound to dip into other material.

Gray's two most recent albums, both released in 2012, are made up of all cover songs.

Talking Book is a straight-up tribute to the Stevie Wonder album of the same name, while *Covered* features the songs of a disparate collection of artists that all seem to make sense together with Gray's signature voice. She covers Metallica, Arcade Fire and Colbie Caillat, to name a few.

"The *Covered* album was just a lot of favourite songs. It came down to songs that I could sing from the heart, that were personal to me, and that I could be genuine in singing them," she says.

As for *Talking Book*, she says, it's "one of my favourite albums of all time. I love that record. I knew that one the best. I knew every word. It was really organic."

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Julia Roberts

Julia's not gonna read your #hate

Don't expect Julia Roberts to join Twitter anytime soon. "It's kind of like cotton candy," she says of social media in an interview with Marie Claire. "It looks so appealing and you just can't resist getting in there, and then you just end up with sticky fingers and it lasted an instant." Actually, Roberts seems to stay away from the Internet in general as much as possible, making a point of not Googling herself or reading comments on articles about her. "I have too much potential for collapse. There's an anonymity that makes people feel safe to participate in hatefulness," she explains. "I like a good old-fashioned fistfight if people are pissed off at each other."

The Word

Stickers? Suckers? A tablecloth run amok? Fashion folks try to decode Jennifer's dress

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Look. I am solidly in the Jennifer Lawrence Can Do No Wrong camp. She could wear a coonskin cap and shoes made out of coconut husks and I'd be like, "Brava!" But the critics don't feel the way I do about JLaw — they are after the actress big time about the Christian Dior dress she wore to the U.K. premiere of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* on Monday in London. "It honestly looks like someone crushed a bunch of multi-coloured suckers and stuck them onto the bottom half of this dress," opined one blogger. And in a post titled, *Catching Fire Premiere Or A Project Runway Fashion Show (You Make The Call)*, Dlistad asked, "How can you explain wearing Sandra Lee's



best tablecloth (she needs it back for her Glitzy Glamour

Christmas tablescape) to a movie premiere?"

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Russ needs to play fair, and Leo can't play at all: Thus sayeth Clooney

George Clooney is still pretty sore about Russell Crowe bashing him in the press back in 2005. "He picked a fight with me. He started it for no reason at all," Clooney tells *Esquire* magazine. "He put out this thing saying, 'George Clooney, Harrison Ford and Robert De Niro are sellouts.' He really went after me. And so I sent him a note going, 'Dude, the only people who succeed when two famous people are fighting is *People* magazine. What the f— is wrong with you?'"

The Gravity star also thinks Leonardo DiCaprio should spend more time practising basketball and less time boasting about his skills on the court. "The discrepancy between their game



George Clooney

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and how they talked about their game made me think of how important it is to have someone in your life to tell you what's what," Clooney says of a pickup game with the Titanic star in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. "I'm not sure if Leo has someone like that."

When Perez moves next door, Gaga gets anxious

Lady Gaga's ongoing feud with blogger Perez Hilton shows no sign of cooling, with the singer revealing that his getting an apartment next to hers in New York has made her very, very nervous.

"Everyone can hate me from afar, but the second you try to move in next door to me, I know you're getting too close and it's not safe," she tells *USA Today*.

"I have lots of security. I get death threats all the time. Some things bring out the New Yorker in me. If you hate someone and

you want to move next door to me, the only thing I can think of is that you're moving in because you want to blow yourself up. There's thousands and millions of apartments in New York. You don't need to move in next door to me."

Remember though, earlier this week Gaga admitted to radio host Elvis Duran that she had been smoking as many as 15 to 20 joints per day. That's like more than all of the stoner roommates you've ever had, put together. Some paranoia is understandable.



Lady Gaga

Twitter



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Many devout Catholics and spirited hikers make the popular 500-mile trek in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, the final resting place of St James. Fast food icons have inspired equally lengthy quests with their faithful lured by righteous burgers, Japanese hot dogs, and crunchy habit-forming Korean chicken wings.

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Umami Burger

There's sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and then there's umami. The fifth dimension of taste is a subtle yet savory yumminess known to inspire hour-long lines. This now bicoastal, but still California centric, artisanal burger emporium has a dozen meaty options at each location but you can never go wrong with a standard Umami burger topped with roasted tomato, shiitake mushrooms, caramelized onions and a parmesan crisp.

Where to satisfy the craving: Palo Alto's location has a library theme, drawing bookish decor cues from close by Stanford University. Do some high tech networking in Silicon Valley and then grab a hold of one of Umami's high-concept burgers by its lightly toasted soft Portuguese buns.

In-N-Out Burger

Even if you've never had the pleasure of acquainting your taste buds with the burger bliss that has created a food revolution, you're probably familiar with their not-so-secret menu. Additions to the sparse menu board include the 4 X 4 (a quad-decker) and Protein Style (bun-less lettuce wrap).

Where to satisfy the craving: While the chain is spreading eastward, the L.A. area remains In-N-Out central.

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Fast food meccas in North America

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White Castle

Slider nirvana White Castle, the beefy grail at the end of the first Harold & Kumar movie, is a cathedral of aromatic mini-burgers where a group gorge on a 20-burger order isn't anything to bat a lash at. While they have a formidable presence in the Northeast, their steam-grilled stronghold is in the Midwest. The drawbridge was lowered on the first White Castle in Wichita in 1921.

Where to satisfy the craving: Kansas hasn't had any locations for years but there are a ton in Missouri, so hit St. Louis, scope out the gateway arch and treat yourself to at least a half-dozen of the itty-bitty burger beauties.

Japadog


Spearheading a Japanese-style franks invasion, Vancouver-based Japadogs dresses up all beef dogs, brats and kurobuta (the "kobe beef of pork") with snazzy toppings. Their Terimayo dog, garnished with teriyaki, mayo and seaweed, started the craze.

Where to satisfy the craving: Vansterdam's street carts lit the fuse on this foodie frenzy-starter but their first restaurant location at 530 Robson St. offers a more expansive menu. They've also got a Manhattan outpost.

BonChon


Buffalo's stranglehold on the mantle of best chicken wings in the world appears to be slipping as this Busan South Korea export continues to sizzle. They utilize an Asian frying technique that calls for a thinner batter and sub blue cheese for soy-garlic.

Where to satisfy the craving: BonChon's crunchy wing joints have sprung up in Thailand and all over the Philippines but there's also five locations in the New York area and another handful in New Jersey.



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Websites like couchsurfing.com and airbnb.com are seeing increased use by travellers anxious to save on their accommodation costs by skipping hotels and bunking in with the locals. If you are eager to make some extra money and wouldn't mind having strangers sleeping in your spare room, here's how to get started.

It costs nothing to sign up but ensure you spend time making your listing enticing to potential guests. Keep your title catchy and concise. Upload quality photos of your space — don't use blurry cellphone snaps. The description of your place should include details on local attractions, the neighbourhood and information on public

transit. Fill out the house rules section so that your guests can understand what is expected of them before booking. Do they have to arrive before dinner? Is it lights out after midnight? Are pets allowed? Once the booking is confirmed, Airbnb does not allow you to impose any further rules.

It is up to you to decide how much you charge. To get an idea of pricing search for similar listings in your neighbourhood. You can set different prices for nightly, weekly and monthly stays, as well as seasonal pricing. You may want to consider imposing a cleaning fee as part of your costs. Airbnb takes a three per cent fee for each reservation, which they say covers the cost of processing the transaction.

Quick and thorough communication with guests before they arrive is essential. Check out their profiles and reviews on the website to ensure you are comfortable welcoming them to your home. You can always say no, however, make sure you respond one way or another.

Brewers toast new liquor laws

Vancouver.

Microbrewers get a boost as they begin to open lounges

About once a week, Scott Greff walks a block and a half from where he lives in Vancouver's trendy Main Street district, a large glass growler in hand, to a small brewery nestled between an otherwise unremarkable strip of offices, storage bays and auto shops.

Inside the three-month-old tasting room at 33 Acres Brewing Co., Greff can fill up his growler with about two litres of any of the microbrewery's three different varieties (his favourite is 33 Acres of Life, a hybrid between a lager and ale). If he isn't in a hurry, he can grab a glass of beer to stay, like he did on this recent fall evening.

Even on a weeknight, the brewery is teeming with people, either saddled up to the bar or huddled around several tables in a sparsely decorated white-coloured tasting room that has an almost rustic cafe-



Pints at the 33 Acres Brewing Co. tasting lounge in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

teria feel. Outside, a popular food truck sells fish tacos, leaving an aroma of hops and salsa hanging in the air.

There are countless bars and restaurants just a few blocks away, but instead, Greff is here, sipping on a beer that was brewed in a production room on the other side of the taps. "It's a lot more casual," says Greff. "It's between a coffee shop and a pub. ... And I love the idea of a growler ... getting it to go."

33 Acres is one of a growing number of microbreweries and

distilleries that have opened up in recent years as Vancouver undergoes something of a craft beer renaissance, with more than a dozen operations either open or expected to open soon, largely sprinkled throughout the rapidly gentrifying industrial areas that skirt the city's downtown core.

And the city's breweries — not to mention craft beer aficionados — are about to receive a boost, thanks to new liquor laws that will allow them to open full-scale lounges, serving more of their own products on

site. Up until this year, provincial and municipal liquor laws allowed breweries and distilleries to operate scaled-down tasting rooms that allowed customers to give products a try. They could give away all the free samples they wanted, but could legally only sell each customer a single 12-ounce glass before cutting them off.

This past spring, the B.C. government updated its legislation to allow so-called tasting lounges, effectively lifting the 12-ounce cap. The City of Vancouver, which finalized its updated bylaws in July, says it expects to eventually hand out at least 15 tasting lounge licences to local breweries and distillers.

Josh Michnik, one of the owners of 33 Acres, says there's something special about getting the beer directly from the people who make it.

"I think it's going that way in multiple industries, not just craft brewing, but also local foods and local craft distilleries — local everything," he says.

"If people can get their products made by their neighbour, why wouldn't you?"

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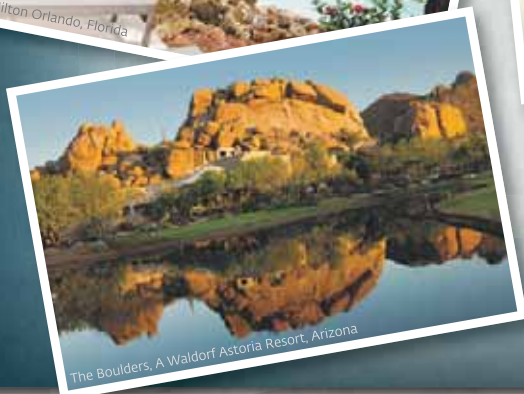
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Salmon with Mango, Black Bean and Corn Salsa evokes a summer breeze



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The combination of black beans and sweet mango is outstanding. I serve this salsa over chicken or other fish and even as a salad dressing. Sautéing the corn adds a barbecued flavour.

1. To make the salsa: In a non-stick skillet sprayed with cooking spray, cook the corn on

medium-high heat for 8 minutes or just until the corn is dry and beginning to brown. Place it in a serving dish. Stir in the remaining salsa ingredients.

2. In a nonstick grill pan sprayed with cooking spray, grill the salmon on medium-high heat for 5 minutes per side or just until medium done (10 minutes per inch/2.5 cm of fish thickness). Serve the salsa overtop of the fish. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN.**

Ingredients

Salsa

- 1/2 cup corn
- 1/2 cup diced mango
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/4 cup diced red bell peppers
- 1/4 cup diced sweet onions
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

Fish

- 1 tbsp fresh lime or lemon juice
- 1 tsp liquid honey
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 4 skin-on salmon fillets

Salmon with Mango, Black Bean and Corn Salsa



This recipe serves four. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Jamaican Hot Buttered Rum

Cocktail base

- 1 lb brown sugar
- 1/2 lb butter
- Pinch of salt
- 4 oz apple cider
- 1/2 oz fresh extracted ginger juice
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- Individual cocktail**
- 2 heaping tbsp of cocktail base
- 2 oz Appleton Estate Reserve
- 6 oz (approx) hot water

Blend cocktail base ingredients and bring to a boil before removing from the heat. Then leave to cool and store in refrigerator.

When ready to make a drink, combine 2 tbs of base with rum and hot water.

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Side. Gruyère Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Pepitas and Dates

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. Spread the Brussels sprouts on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with the olive oil and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper.



Ingredients

- 2 lbs Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Gruyère cheese
- 1/4 cup pumpkin seeds (also called pepitas), toasted
- 1/2 cup chopped dates

3. Roast for 30 to 40 minutes, or until tender and well browned. Sprinkle with the shredded cheese and return to the oven for 10 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with the pumpkin seeds and dates.

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Make and mash ahead of time

Traditional mashed potatoes pose a problem when hosting dinner parties. You make them ahead of time, then reheat them at the last minute, but then they tend to taste stale.

Here's the solution — cook and mash the potatoes without any seasonings or dairy the day before, then pop them in the refrigerator. When you're ready to serve them, nuke them and add the

dairy at the last minute.

Why does this work? Because it's the reheated butter and milk or cream that causes the off flavours. Leave those out until the potatoes are already reheated and you're good to go.

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. With paring knife prick potatoes in several places. Place on rimmed baking sheet and bake on oven's middle shelf until knife goes through with no resistance, 50 minutes. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and set aside to cool for 5 minutes.

3. Use spoon to scoop out pulp from potatoes and transfer, in batches, to a ricer. Force potatoes through ricer into a micro-



This recipe serves 10. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wave-safe bowl. Let cool, cover and refrigerate overnight.

4. Before serving, microwave potatoes, covered loosely with plastic wrap, 2 minutes. Stir and heat another minute. Repeat procedure until potatoes

are hot. Stir in 1 cup of milk, sour cream, butter, and salt and pepper to taste, then heat 1 minute. Thin with additional milk if you prefer softer texture. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.**

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Proffy, I skipped the seminar...

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How to mind your manners and make up for lost time when you've missed a post-secondary class

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During any semester, you will inevitably miss a class or two — hopefully not more!

The way you deal with missing your classes will speak to your character as a student, as well as impact your final grade in many of your classes, either directly or indirectly.

Here is my advice to make sure those days you just can't make it don't result in not making the grade.

Before you talk to your professor

Read the syllabus

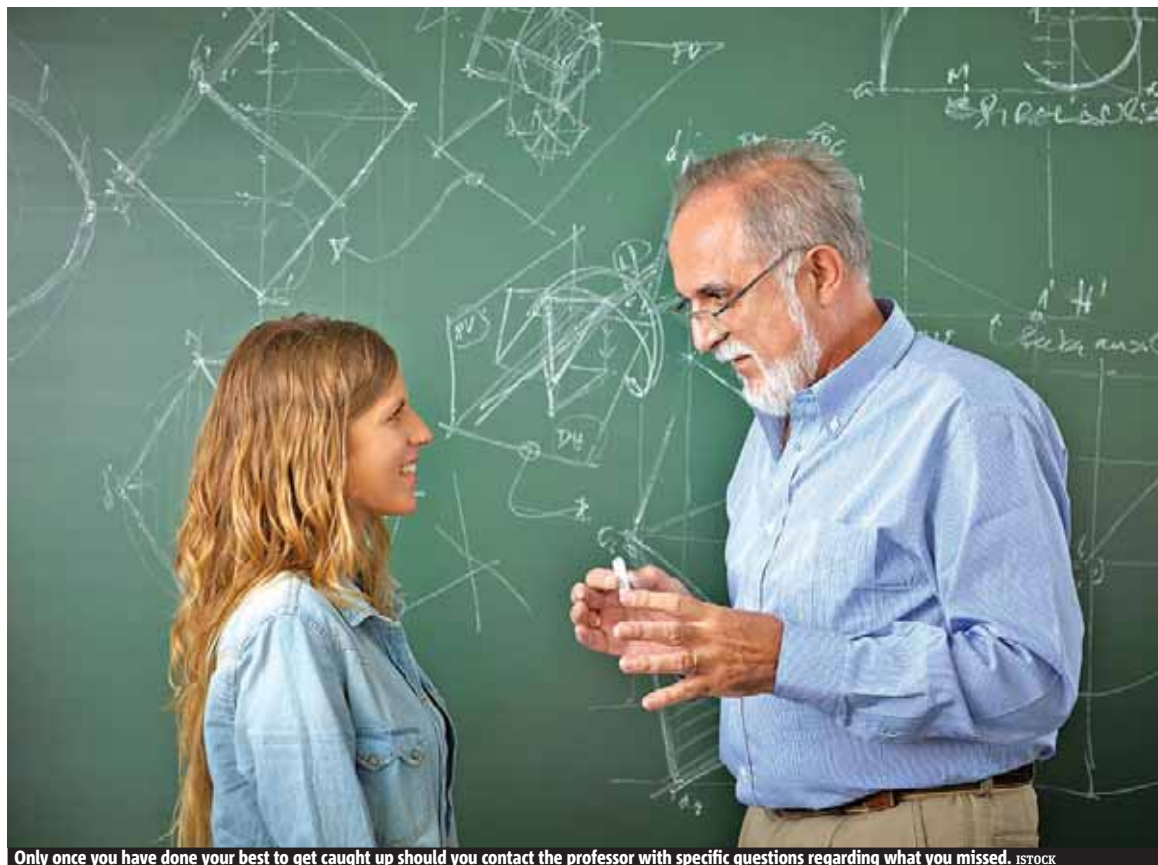
Remember that document that your professor went over during the first class while you were only half-listening? Yep.

That's where you'll find the professor's policy on missed classes, as well as how it might impact your grade. It will also have an outline of what was going on during the class that you missed.

So, make sure to check the syllabus when your alarm simply didn't go off or you have that trusty case of "food poisoning."

Ask around

After dutifully checking the syllabus, move on to checking whatever learning management system your professor and school use, like Blackboard, Canvas or



Only once you have done your best to get caught up should you contact the professor with specific questions regarding what you missed. ISTOCK

Moodle.

Often, professors will post the homework or class notes there, to be accessed by all members of your class.

Next, talk to classmates and get the notes from class or discuss what happened while you were out.

Get any paperwork

Often, your reason for missing class will be legitimate, but be sure you can provide proper documentation.

Your professors have seen it before: After a suspicious number of grandparents "die" right around the time when major assignments are due, they know to ask for documents to support why you missed class.

This means anything from an official notice

from the university excusing your absence to a filed police report or insurance claim from a fender-bender that caused your to miss school.

When you talk to your professor

Don't ask "did I miss anything important?"

The short answer here is that of course you missed something important. It might not seem like it, but a typical 15-week, three-hours-per-week course is not a lot of time, and professors design their courses to maximize the learning that can take place.

Don't ask "could you

tell me everything that I missed?"

As a student, you missed class, and therefore it is your responsibility to do everything in your power to find out what you missed before asking the professor. Many professors hold class without lectures and prefer to engage in class discussion or in-class work. An email that requires that a professor re-hash the class for you will not endear you to them — and it probably won't happen.

Don't ask "is it okay if I miss class for _____ reason?"

Sometimes, you will know in advance that you will need to miss class — that happens. Asking if you can

miss class if you're already going to miss it anyway won't endear you to any professor because it won't make a bit of difference if he or she says no. If you have a legitimate excuse, then it doesn't matter what the professor says. If you do not have a legitimate excuse, asking permission uses up the time and resources of your professor without reason.

Don't overshare

There is no need for a blow-by-blow account of your gallbladder surgery or the intimate details of your family dynamics that are keeping you from attending class. Keep your reasons simple and on a need-to-know basis.

Reach out to teach

Here's a sample email to send to your professor when you miss a class:

- Dear Professor So-and-So: I am in your [insert class name and time] and I will be missing this [day of the week]'s class on [insert topic here — it will say in the syllabus]. I will have proper documentation from the university that I can show you during the following class OR I understand that this will impact my grade in [insert consequence — again, it will be in the syllabus]. I have already spoken with [name of classmate] about getting his notes, and I will be sure to do the reading/homework as well. I will also come and talk to you during your office hours about any specific questions about the content of the reading or homework. Thank you, [your name]



If you have to miss class, do some pre-planning / ISTOCK

Don't let reasons become excuses

Missing one class because your alarm didn't go off is one thing; missing half a semester for the same reason is entirely different. Unexpected things will always come to pass, but as a student there are things you can control, or rather, there are things that often get out of control. Control the things you can, so that when legitimate reasons for missing a class come up, you are in a position that it won't matter as much.

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Career fairs bring an opportunity of discovery and networking. These guidelines will prepare you for a productive day!

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Regardless of your industry of choice, chances are there's a career fair that matches your interests.

Attending a career fair can be a good way to complement your online research and networking and there's no harm in showing up when employers are coming to meet individuals just like you.

Where do I find out about these fairs?

On campus: If you're a student, you're in luck! Campus recruit-

ers visit career fairs to hire students like yourself. Check your career centre's website, online calendar or visit their office at the beginning of the term.

Community listings: Community job fairs happen all year. Check city or community event listings online. Keep a lookout for industry or company specific job fairs in your area as well. A quick search can reveal wonders.

Planning ahead

Think about it like a market-

ing campaign. What's your purpose? What kind of job or company are you looking for? What are you trying to learn? Having a purpose will guide your visit.

The first thing you should look for is an online employer listing. Knowing which companies will attend can determine if a particular fair is worth your time. Some fairs might include an online floor plan, company descriptions or available positions.

What do I bring?

Resumés/cover letters: Bring a few copies in a small folder or bag. Your community employment centres and campus career centres can help edit your resumés through appointments or workshops.

References: Keep your references tucked away with your resumé and cover letters. On the spot interviews can happen anytime or company reps might scan your resumé and ask for references.

Notepad/notebook/tablet:

Have tools for jotting notes, contact information and helpful details.

Pen: Make sure you have one that works.

Business cards: It's a great way to give out your contact information in quick meeting settings.

What do I wear?

Most career and job fairs have a business casual dress code. You want to make a good impression, but don't overdo it. Contact the organizer or look at past event photos if you aren't sure what the proper dress code is.

Listen

Make sure you put yourself out there, but don't talk more than you listen. The employer might answer questions before you ask them. Other people may ask questions that the representative will answer on the spot. Let other people ask the common questions and save your energy for engaging conversation.

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Ask the right questions and network

- Engage in a conversation and be brief. Be clear about your goals and what you're looking for.
- Ask questions about the positions, requirements and the representative's experiences with the company. If your goals are unclear, that's fine too. Think of the event as an opportunity to gather ideas about your future.



Recruiters set up shop at career events in order to reach out to people just like you. Don't be afraid to chat them up. ISTOCK

Curiosity at the career booth

May I ask you something? Here are five questions that can help you learn more about a company and even create a connection with a company rep.

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When you're attending a career fair, it's a good idea to have some questions to ask company representatives. Before deciding what you want to ask a company rep, always make sure you have a good reason for asking the question. Consider this list a starting point, as your individual circumstances will influence many of the questions you'll want to ask.

What's your corporate culture like?

Corporate culture includes

workplace clubs, teams and events as well as the work environment itself. Ask the rep what the most popular initiatives are at their company. If these activities sound interesting, you may have identified a promising future career opportunity.

If there's something about a potential employer's workplace environment that you can't accept, you can remove them from your radar and focus on more appropriate options.

What qualities or skills would

the ideal candidate for this role possess?

It's often difficult to figure out what a company is looking for in their ideal candidate.

Asking a company rep this question can help you determine if you're a qualified candidate for the role. If you have the relevant skills and experience, you can use this question as an opportunity to mention why you'd be a good candidate.

What career development and advancement opportu-

ities exist at your company?

Finding the right job in your field also means finding the right opportunities to learn and grow. An employer with a demonstrated commitment to professional development will be eager to help you identify the growth opportunities that match your prospective career path.

Do your company policies accommodate _____?

Many career-seekers have personal factors that lead them to

prefer a particular type of employment schedule. By finding out if a company will accommodate your preferences or needs, you can determine if it is the right kind of place for you to build a future.

Figure out if there are common workplace accommodations with regards to flex-time, vacations, continuing education or professional development that are of particular interest to you, as well as any accommodations you may require for personal reasons.

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Open-concept offices.

Would a workplace free of dividers help your team develop a stronger sense of community?



Vito Rezza, the CFO for IPG Mediabrand, poses in the new office designed by figure3 in Toronto. FIGURE3 INTERIOR DESIGN

The next generation of employees might not find it conducive for their work if they set up shop in a gloomy, no-frills environment — not when they can work in a space that is esthetically pleasing.

Vito Rezza, CFO for IPG Mediabrand, says their old Toronto office, which housed a couple hundred employees for the global company, was more like the former.

"It was really ugly. Just a small dingy office."

When the company decided to redesign and renovate the space, Rezza knew it was time for something different. The result was a completely open-concept space without any private offices. Metro talks to Rezza — one of the driving forces behind this office strategy — about the effects the new space

has on the office.

Why did you decide to open up the office like this?

We had grown from about 150 to 220 people in the span of three years. So we said, "We are growing and it's time to create the kind of space representative of who we are — with the ability to share ideas and promote creativity."

We worked with figure3 Interior Design and in one of our meetings with them our CEO said, "I think we need to lose it." I said, "Lose what?" He said, "The walls and our offices, the three private offices." I thought about it and it was a compelling idea.

What effect does this have on

you and the employees?

When people first saw the floor plan, there was some trepidation. Some people had 20 to 30 years working in an office, and now they had to downsize. Afterwards we waited weeks for people to complain and not much came.

We've all had to learn to work a bit differently, but the trade off has been a more collaborative environment. People see each other more now. Employees from different departments — from finance to research — know each other personally. It's easier to find people, easier to approach people at their desks. There are still areas in the office for private work if you need to focus more. **METRO**



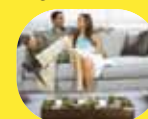
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Nail Yakupov is averaging 15:28 of ice time a game this season. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

MacT fights back over story on Yak

Oilers. GM says Yakupov has future in Edmonton, has no intention of trading young Russian

Craig MacTavish isn't taking too kindly to comments made by Nail Yakupov's agent about his client's role with the Edmonton Oilers.

A day after Igor Larionov told ESPN.com that he'd be open to a trade from the Oilers, MacTavish accused the reporter who wrote the story of "manufacturing it" and defended the team's treatment of Yakupov.

"There's nothing changed

Quoted

"There's going to be ups and downs along the way, and anybody that's been in the game for any length of time will tell you that that is the case."

Craig MacTavish, on the development of Nail Yakupov.

from our perspective on Yak," MacTavish said after the NHL general managers meeting in Toronto. "The only thing I will say is that adversity in my mind is something that helps spur development. Yak's facing a little bit of adversity, but there aren't too many players of that age that haven't. That's really all I have to say about it."

Larionov's message to the

Oilers, via ESPN.com, was to let the 20-year-old Yakupov play. The 2012 No. 1 overall pick was a healthy scratch for two games earlier in the season and is averaging 15:28 of ice time a game.

"I asked Craig, I said, 'If you guys (are) not happy with him or you have no room for him ... we're willing to make a move. Any team,'" Larionov told ESPN.

com. "That happens and that's part of life. Let's move on."

Coach Dallas Eakins told the Edmonton Journal that Yakupov was not going anywhere, a sentiment MacTavish repeated Tuesday. Asked if Larionov might have a point about Yakupov getting a chance to play more, MacTavish voiced support for Eakins' decisions.

"I think Yak's been treated very fairly since he's been in our organization," he said. "We like Yak, I've said that many times. It's a much bigger story for you people, and it's becoming a bit of a distraction for us right now because we're having to answer these questions."

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Tampa Bay-Montreal

Lightning win first contest without Stamkos

Valtteri Filppula scored the only goal in the shootout to spoil a 44-save performance by Carey Price and give the Tampa Bay Lightning a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night.

Ryan Malone scored in regulation time for Tampa Bay, while Daniel Briere was the lone goal scorer for Montreal.

The Lightning were without their leading goal-scorer Steven Stamkos, who broke his right leg after crashing into the net against the Bruins on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

San Jose-Calgary

Sharks take bite out of winless skid

Brad Stuart scored 1:13 into overtime to give the San Jose Sharks a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday.

Logan Couture and Patrick Marleau also scored for the Sharks (11-2-5) who snapped a five-game winless skid. Mike Cammalleri and Kris Russell scored for the Flames (6-9-3) who are winless in their last four.

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The Sharks' Tomas Hertl retrieves a puck in front of Flames goalie Reto Berra on Tuesday in Calgary.

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Gimme 10? NHL GMs mull OT extension at meeting



Steve Yzerman in Toronto Tuesday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

As entertaining as shootouts can be, having them play a meaningful role in playoff races is not something the NHL wants.

So after 40 of the season's first 262 games went to a shootout, the league's general managers discussed at length the possibility of extending overtime Tuesday during their annual meeting following Hockey Hall of Fame induction night. Fighting, hybrid icing and the playoff format also came up.

GMs have been discussing

making overtime 10 minutes to cut down on shootouts "to some degree," according to Ken Holland of the Detroit Red Wings, but there isn't a consensus yet on which format to adopt. Holland would prefer five minutes of 4-on-4 followed by five minutes of 3-on-3, while Doug Armstrong of the St. Louis Blues and others want simply 10 minutes of 4-on-4.

"I like the idea of the games being decided prior to the shootout, and if we had to extend 4-on-4 play I would under-

stand that," Armstrong said.

Fighting is routinely on the agenda at these meetings, though Montreal's George Parros suffering a concussion on opening night as a result of a fall after fighting Toronto's Colton Orr has made it more of a hot topic for those outside the industry.

"My impression coming out is in that meeting today there's not really a push for making any changes to the rules on fighting," Lightning GM Steve Yzerman said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Francona and Hurdle named managers of year

MLB. Tribe skip edges out Farrell of the Red Sox, while Bucs boss wins in a landslide

Terry Francona of the Cleveland Indians and Clint Hurdle of the Pittsburgh Pirates won the Manager of the Year awards Tuesday after guiding their small-budget teams to charming turnarounds.

Francona edged John Farrell of the World Series champion Boston Red Sox for the American League honour 112 points to 96 in a close vote by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

In his first season with the Indians, he directed



Indians manager Terry Francona celebrates a walk-off win with DH Jason Giambi on Sept. 24.
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They lost the AL wild-card game to Tampa Bay, but voting is conducted before the post-season.

"This was one of the funnest years I've ever had," Francona said in an interview on MLB Network.

Hurdle was a runaway winner, selected first on 25 of 30 ballots by the NL panel after taking the Pirates to the playoffs in their first winning season since 1992.

Don Mattingly of the Los Angeles Dodgers came in second and Fredi Gonzalez of the Atlanta Braves finished third.

"It's a bit overwhelming, to tell you the truth," Hurdle said. "It's humbling. It's gratifying from an organizational standpoint."

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them to a 24-win improvement and their first playoff berth in six years.



Heat turn on Beasley mode

Michael Beasley of the Heat drives to the basket during a game against the Bucks on Tuesday night in Miami. LeBron James scored 33 points while Beasley tallied 19 off the bench in a 118-95 win for the Heat, whose biggest margin of victory before Tuesday was a 12-point triumph over Chicago on opening night. MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

Cut down at the plate

MLB going to bat to prevent collisions at home

Major League Baseball executive vice-president Joe Torre says momentum is gaining toward taking action that would help prevent collisions at home plate.

Torre said on Tuesday a written proposal will be developed that will be discussed at the winter meetings next month.

"When it gets to the rules committee, you're going to have very understanding people there, a feeling that something has to be done," he said.

"The players are bigger, stronger, faster. It's like in other sports. They've made adjustments and rules in other sports for that reason, to protect people."

Discussion to limit or ban collisions has intensified since May 2011, when San Francisco catcher Buster Posey was injured in a collision with Florida's Scott Cousins.

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Pittsburgh	17	11	6	0	50	40	22
Washington	19	10	8	1	61	55	21
NY Rangers	18	9	9	0	41	49	18
Carolina	18	7	7	4	34	49	18
New Jersey	18	6	7	5	38	46	17
NY Islanders	19	7	9	3	54	61	17
Philadelphia	17	6	10	1	31	44	13
Columbus	17	6	10	1	44	50	13

Tuesday's results

Tampa Bay 2 Montreal 1 (SO)
Winnipeg 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
San Jose 3 Calgary 2 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Ottawa 0
Florida 3 Anaheim 2
Carolina 2 Colorado 1
Phoenix 3 St. Louis 2 (OT)
NY Islanders 3 Nashville 1
New Jersey 3 NY Rangers 2
Washington 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Buffalo 3 Los Angeles 2 (SO)
Monday's result
Boston 3 Tampa Bay 0
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Toronto at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(2 games, total goals)
Saturday, Nov. 23 — All times Eastern
Houston at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 24
Salt Lake at Portland, 9 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Dec. 7
East champion vs. West champion, 4 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	17	14	3	0	55	30	28
Chicago	18	12	2	4	66	49	28
St. Louis	16	11	2	3	54	37	25
Minnesota	18	10	4	4	48	40	24
Winnipeg	20	9	9	2	53	57	20
Dallas	17	8	7	2	46	52	18
Nashville	18	8	8	2	38	57	18

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	20	15	4	1	68	48	31
Phoenix	19	13	4	2	63	58	28
San Jose	18	11	2	5	66	43	27
Vancouver	20	11	7	2	54	54	24
Los Angeles	18	11	6	1	52	44	23
Calgary	18	6	9	3	49	64	15
Edmonton	19	4	13	2	48	75	10

Note: 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

Thursday's games

Los Angeles at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Friday's games

Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

CFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Sunday's games — All times Eastern
Hamilton vs. Toronto, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. Calgary, 4:30 p.m.

GREY CUP

At Regina, Saskatchewan

Sunday, Nov. 24
East champion vs. West champion, 6 p.m.

NFL

Monday's result

Tampa Bay 22 Miami 19

WEEK 11

Thursday's game — All times Eastern
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday's games

Baltimore at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18

New England at Carolina, 8:40 p.m.

NBA

Tuesday's results

Miami 118 Milwaukee 95
Dallas 105 Washington 95
Detroit at Golden State
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
San Antonio 109 Philadelphia 85
Indiana 95 Memphis 79
Atlanta 103 Charlotte 94
Boston 120 Orlando 105
Houston 110 Toronto 104 (2OT)
Chicago 96 Cleveland 81
Denver 100 Utah 81
Portland 109 Detroit 103
L.A. Clippers 109 Minnesota 107

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
Brooklyn at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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2014 Toyota Corolla



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Review. It's looking like an early Christmas for Toyota fans

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For a small car, the Corolla has some big numbers to tout. Like the fact that in 47 years, Toyota has sold more than 40 million of them and currently operates 16 factories worldwide that supply Corollas to 154 countries.

The all-new 11th-generation North American sedan comes on strong with style — especially from the windshield forward — that its broad base of customers are not used to seeing. Nothing too radical, mind you, but just enough design drama to cause some politely muffled oohs and ahs (see above right).

The distance between the front and rear wheels has increased by a whopping 10 centimetres, rivalling the current segment space champ Dodge Dart.

Note that both the Dart and Corolla are virtually dead-heat-even for interior volume and could almost pass for mid-sizers. The added space between the wheels improves front and rear legroom slightly, which is welcome in any small car.

Interior styling has improved, but in a conservative way that differs from the Corolla's more daring competitors. Still, the clearly marked gauges and switches are logically placed and easy to decipher.

It's only when you check under the hood that a sense

of déjà vu really kicks in. A 132-horsepower four-cylinder carries over from the previous generation. It's connected to a six-speed manual transmission for the base CE and sporty S models. A four-speed automatic transmission is optional for the L, while a new continuously variable unit (CVT) is optional for the S, but standard on the LE and LE Eco.

To reduce that "rubber-band" slippage sensation that's common to many CVTs (including Toyota's Prius hybrids), engineers dialed in seven artificial shift points. These function automatically to simulate the action of a regular automatic transmission. With the S model, they can be manually controlled using steering-wheel-mounted paddles. Aside from using a more efficient engine with special variable valve timing, the ECO's figures are achieved with the help of underbody panels that improve the car's aerodynamics to reduce highway-speed fuel consumption.

The starting-point Corolla CE, which carries a \$17,600 base price, has a split-folding rear seat, power windows and locks plus a basic four-speaker audio system. The LE/LE Eco trims include air conditioning, 16-inch alloy wheels (15-inch steelies are on the CE).

You also get a backup camera, remote keyless entry, heated front seats (power-adjustable for the driver), touchscreen display with voice recognition and Bluetooth wireless connectivity.

Opting for the S brings with it a blacked-out grille, 17-inch wheels, heated outside mirrors

2014 Toyota Corolla

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 (132/140)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual and four-speed automatic (depending on model)

Torque

The front end is certainly a lot more aggressively defined with its enlarged lower air intake and inset bumper. The side intakes seem a bit oversized, but the total effect is quite appealing. Along with its mostly new shape, the Corolla's more rigid platform supports a body that's a few ticks longer and wider.

Fuel economy

The fuel-saving LE ECO model comes with a 140-horsepower version of the 1.8 that's rated at 6.5 l/100 km in the city and 4.6 on the highway, compared to the base engine's 6.9/5.2 rating with the CVT.



The style of the interior is conservative and very logical.

and additional instrumentation with customizable settings.

A navigation system, power moonroof and push-button start head the list of options, along with a start/stop system that shuts off the engine for short periods, such as at stop-lights or in stop-and-go traffic. This, of course, saves fuel.

Despite its generally more

athletic appearance, the Corolla is still a sensible people transporter that carries with it a reputation for reliability and quality that's the envy of the industry. You'll need to check elsewhere for a budget-based pocket rocket, but joining the millions of contented Corolla owners around the world will at least put you in solid company.

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If you're a fan of the British Broadcasting Corporation's Top Gear program, you're likely to enjoy any of a number of companion books authored by Matt Master, which is a pseudonym for the Top Gear producers. One of Mr. Master's latest offerings is *The Cool 500: The Coolest Cars Ever Made*. The book contains Top Gear-style irreverent commentary about the cars they've picked, the people who built them and, in some cases, the drivers who made them famous. The cars are considered so cool that they're described as "sub-zero." The book sells for \$30 to \$40, depending on whether you're shopping in a bookstore, or online at amazon.com.



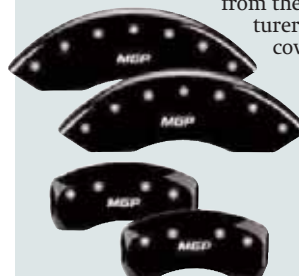
Spare in a bottle



A flat tire can occur at any time and can involve digging out your spare and jack from beneath your vehicle's trunk or load floor. A simpler solution is the Super Spare Tire Repair from Paasch Products. The system consists of a bottle containing a special tire sealant, a hose that connects from the bottle to the flat and another transfer hose that attaches to your spare tire, or to any other tire or tires on your vehicle. The result is your puncture is sealed in about two minutes and you should have enough air in all tires to get you to safety. The kit sells for \$15, with additional recharged bottles priced at \$9. To view the descriptive video and/or purchase this item, go to superspare.co.

Cover your pads

Dust on your vehicle's wheels is the unsightly byproduct from disc brakes. One method of significantly reducing the problem and dressing up your car at the same time is by adding caliper covers from MGP. The covers are made from aerospace-grade aluminum and use a patented fastening system for easy installation in a claimed 10 minutes. The covers are also powder-coated (a powder that's cured in an oven) in a variety of colours and have precision-engraved logos. A typical set of engraved covers for most cars is priced at \$200 per set of four. They're available through a number of auto parts stores or direct from the manufacturer at caliper-covers.com.



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Once used primarily in heavy-duty trucks, diesel is becoming more popular in passenger cars in Canada. Diesel engines are more efficient and get better fuel economy, and as a result, have longer range on a tank than comparable gasoline engines.

However, to meet strict North American emission standards, they require

some extra exhaust treatment. Automakers use a Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system. This includes the use of diesel exhaust fluid, or DEF, a pre-mixed solution of urea mixed with water, and sold under brand names such as AdBlue.

"By the nature of their combustion process, diesel engines put out different emissions than gasoline en-

gines," says Thomas Tetzlaff, public relations manager for Volkswagen Canada. "Injecting very minute quantities of urea cleans up the nitrates in the exhaust and allows us to reach emissions levels that were previously impossible in a diesel car. All our diesels are certified in all U.S. states, including California, which has the strictest laws on the

planet.”

Diesel exhaust contains oxides of nitrogen, or NOx, a compound that contributes to smog. When small quantities of DEF are injected into the exhaust after it leaves the engine, it produces a chemical reaction that converts the NOx into nitrogen and water vapour, both of which are harmless.

The DEF isn't added to the fuel tank, and it doesn't travel into the engine. Instead, it's added to a special reservoir, with the filler neck located beside the fuel filler, in the trunk, or under the hood, depending on the vehicle and the manufacturer. It's automatically dispensed into the exhaust system as needed.

Although it's easy for drivers to add their own fluid, manufacturers size the reservoir so it will generally need filling at the same time the car is due for its scheduled maintenance, so the dealer can top

Quoted

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Thomas Tetzlaff, public relations manager for Volkswagen Canada

Other changes

- All diesel sold in Canada must be ultra-low-sulphur, which doesn't have the "rotten egg" smell associated with diesel used in the past.
- Diesel engines use compression heat to ignite the fuel, and don't have spark plugs.
- Unlike older models, modern diesel engines start right away, without waiting for the glow plug to warm up.

it up at that time. "We have a large-capacity tank located in one of the fenders," Tetzlaff says. "It's filled up mostly once a year, and it's no more difficult than adding windshield washer fluid, and not a lot more expensive."

When the reservoir starts getting low, the vehicle will warn the driver several thousand kilometres in advance, and continue with regular warnings as the fluid level drops. If the reservoir runs dry, the car will continue to run, but once it's shut off, it won't start again until the DEF is replenished. The fluid can be purchased at dealerships, auto parts stores, and many gas stations.

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Roofs that let old tires bounce back

Euroshield. Company takes used car rubber and keeps the rain out with sledge-hammer-proof resistance



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Some used tires are lucky. After their vehicle days are over they go to a higher place — up on the roof, as a rubber roofing product from Euroshield.

Euroshield “shakes” and “shingles” are a product line of G.E.M. Inc. of Calgary Company founder, Henry Kamphuis, was bent and determined to make something useful from the alarming and growing number of spent tires forming mini-mountain ranges in the landfills. Because of its large volumes, he figured some kind of building material might be the ticket and hit upon the idea of rubber roofing. Euroshield gets the rubber in crumb form, from Alberta Recycling.

“It’s like black sand when we get it,” says Brian Eberle, Euroshield’s marketing manager, who adds that all the steel and nylon and non-rubber bits used in the manufacturing of the tires have already been weeded out by Alberta Recycling. The company’s sole manufacturing plant on the outskirts of Calgary, goes through in excess of 20,000 pounds of the recycled rubber a day.

Other companies use the stuff, but Eberle contends Euroshield is the only one that makes its final product with such a high percentage of the recycled tires — 70 per cent versus the typical 10 per cent found in other products (roofing and otherwise).

How many tires could be re-deployed to one roofing detail? “We tell people that on average, for say a 30-foot by 30-foot roof, they are using anywhere from 250 to 375 tires.”

Rubber is obviously a “premium” roofing product. A Euroshield roof would typically cost twice as much or more than an asphalt roof.

But could an asphalt shingle roof withstand the blow of a sledgehammer?

“We actually hold a Class Four Impact Rating. ... It means the product is virtually bullet proof when it comes to hail strikes.” In the Calgary showroom customers are encouraged to slam down a sledgehammer as hard as they can on a Euroshield shake or slate to get a sense of its strength and repellency.

“Remember, this is a rubber roof. When the hail hits it, the hail literally bounces off.”

And for those who have too many images in their minds of cracked and dried out tires lying in the gutters to think a roof made of old tires is going to work, Eberle reminds us that the degradation you see in old tires has come about because it has weakened around the fibres and cords that enabled it to be a tire in the first place. These products are not tires.

“We re-form these pieces into new parts. They aren’t going down the highway. There is no metal or fibre in them. And for UV protection, there is carbon black, found naturally in rubber and one of the world’s best UV inhibitors. Our products are extremely stable.”

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There's a backlit icon of a simmering coffee cup on the SLK's control panel.

Could it be this particular well-optioned roadster comes with its own coffee maker? Perhaps the symbol flashes intermittently whenever a Starbucks comes into view? At first blush, it's impossible to say, since the owner's manual, a critical tome considering SLK's techno-laden content, was nowhere to be seen.

"They're frequently missing after the cars are returned, so we keep them here in the office," explained a Mercedes-Benz press-fleet overseer.

Fortunately, an experienced Mercedes-Benz brand hand came to the rescue, appropriately enough while parked outside of a Starbucks.

After admiring the SLK from top to bottom, he spied the tiny cup-and-saucer symbol and explained that it denotes "Attention Assist," which is a safety feature that's programmed to sense certain driving behaviours associated with fatigue and issues both visual and audible warnings for the driver to take a break. The smell of fresh-brewed dark roast wafting out from the air vents could probably work just as well.

Attention Assist is a fine idea, but it's hard to imagine anyone nodding off in what is one of the more exciting M-B models on the market and the best SLK that the German automaker has devised to date.

The SLK has steadily evolved since its 1997-model-year North American debut. The current generation now looks less like an inaccurate representation of its larger SL-class relation and, at least from the front, now resembles its twin. Both cars feature nearly identical upright grilles, headlight pods and extended hoods, along with similar retractable hard-shell roofs. Of course, what they don't even come close to sharing is their respective price tags; the \$54,300 base SLK is offered at about one-half the wallet hit of the SL.

Of course the SLK lacks the SL550's 429-horsepower twin-turbo V8. In fact, the base four-cylinder SLK250 comes with a

201-horsepower four-cylinder. This matte-grey SLK350, however, has a 302-horsepower V6 and accompanying seven-speed automatic transmission.

Mercedes-Benz pegs the roadster's zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) time at 5.4 seconds, which is only about a second off the pace of the SL. However that time is more than a second quicker than the base SLK250. Nice. The warp-factor model of the triumvirate is the SLK55 AMG that receives the full aero kit treatment, unique nosepiece and fancier wheels. It also sends its power to the pavement using a 415-horsepower 5.5-litre V8 and earns a 4.5-second zero-to-60-m.p.h. time.

Within the SLK range, though, the 350 has a certain just-right feel. Around town, the V6 operates in a docile fashion, but can quickly flex its muscles when a squirt of passing thrust is summoned, or when attacking a freeway on-ramp. The engine instantly clears its throat and delivers a distinctive and dignified growl, while the seven-speed automatic imperceptibly kicks down into the appropriate gear. The SLK makes the entire process seem so easy, which really enhances driving confidence.

New for 2014, the SLK350 and SLK55 AMG are equipped with stop-start. Whenever the car stops with the brake pedal depressed, the engine shuts off to save fuel. When the accelerator is touched, the engine fires back up.

The best feature of the SLK

is the open-air experience. To make a convertible out of a coupe, the trunk lid pivots rearward while the hard tonneau cover flips upward and the two-piece roof stacks into its containment spot, followed by the trunk lid resuming its original position.

The whole lowering/raising sideshow consumes about 20 seconds. The test model was equipped with the available Magic Sky Control, consisting of a glass roof panel that changes to opaque from clear with the flip of a switch.

Also included is constantly adjusting shock-damping control and a faster-acting Direct Steer system that reduces by 25 per cent the number of lock-to-lock steering wheel turns.

About the only item of concern was the car's matte-finish

Designo Glacier Grey colour scheme. The idea of an as-tested \$70,000 Mercedes wearing what amounts to a really dull paint job might seem truly bizarre to some people, almost as if the car is in primer and awaiting a real top coat. It also carries a sternly worded missive warning of dire consequences should the finish ever be polished.

The SLK test stretched into a week of mostly sunny skies and light Pacific Ocean-scented breezes on Vancouver Island. In other words, perfect sports-car weather in a part of the world that attracts plenty of them. And likely not one of their grinning drivers, including one SLK350 pilot in particular, required a cup-and-saucer advisory to keep the adrenaline flowing.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

What looks so confusing now will look a lot easier by the end of the week, so don't worry if you cannot make sense of events. That applies especially to money matters and business issues.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Activity in your opposite sign of Scorpio will bring you up against someone who is like you in personality but has different views on how things should be done. Sparks may fly but you can work together.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Be wary of people who arrive bearing gifts. With Neptune, planet of illusion, strong in your chart, you should consider the possibility that they are hoping to trick you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The next few days will be good but why settle for good when they could be great? Define your goals and avoid activities that are wasteful of your time and energy — no matter how fun they are.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may think if you don't act quickly you will miss the boat but it isn't true and what occurs over the next 24 hours will encourage you to calm down and slow down.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You cannot cure the world of its woes, but you can help people on a one-to-one basis. Whatever else you do or don't do today, aim to be a good example. Yes, it's enough.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It may feel as if the fun is almost over, but it isn't true. Yes, you will have to get serious about work issues today and tomorrow but you will also have time to enjoy yourself.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The Sun in your sign continues to fill you with energy and you should be using it to bring creative ideas to life. What looked impossible yesterday will look the easiest thing in the world today. Go for it.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A week and a bit from now the Sun will move into your birth sign and your mood will lighten, but today you are likely to be overly sensitive about everything. Keep your emotions in check.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The pace of life will pick up today, so hold on and enjoy the ride. If you get the chance to participate in some kind of social event do so, even if it means extra work.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are right to be pleased by the things you've accomplished but there is a lot more you can do, so don't start winding down yet. A new opportunity will come your way over the next few days.

Pisces

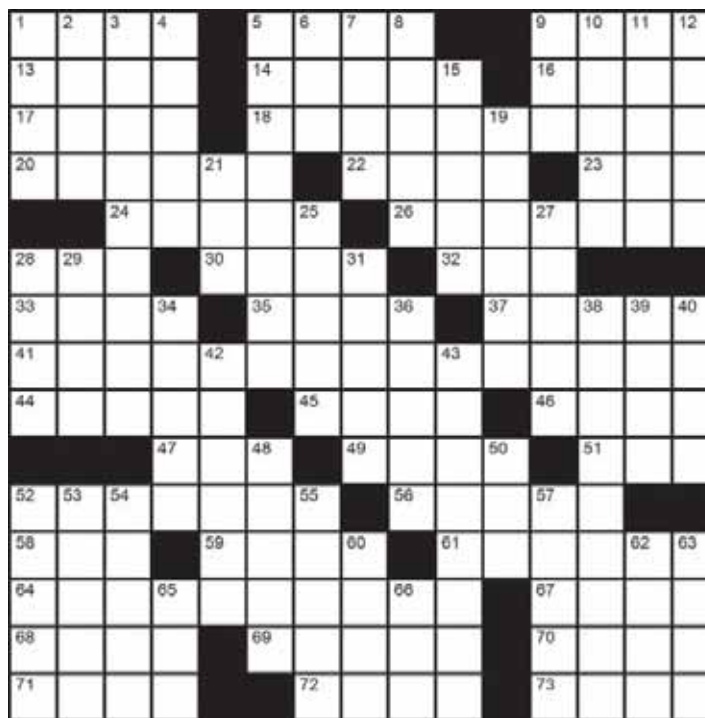
Feb. 20 - March 20

Neptune, your ruler, ends its retrograde phase today, which suggests you may change your mind about what you consider important. Try not to be too idealistic. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Var. weights
5. Small rum cake
9. Nero's 1151
13. Fashion's ___-chic
14. Classic joke: "Waiter! There's ___ in my soup..."
16. ___ Ed. (Gym class)
17. Dangle
18. Suit part: 2 wds.
20. CTV's interactive daily talk show, "The ___"
22. Fawn
23. Ms. Vardalos
24. "Mad Men" gig
26. Jennifer Stoddart, ___ Commissioner of Canada
28. Horiz.
30. TV fuzz
32. "Cold Mountain" (2003) role
33. Feet finials
35. Podium
37. ___ (Online appointment, say)
41. Views from ships approaching Newfoundland: 2 wds.
44. Von Trapps daughter
45. Italia's capital
46. ER doctor's 'Now!'
47. ___ tree
49. Terrier's coat texture
51. Pro golfer Ernie
52. The Band's 1968 debut album: 'Music from ___'
56. Beatles surname
58. Yoko's surname



71. Gaelic
 72. Chess men, for short
 73. Microscope piece
- Down**
1. 'For 1' and 'For 2', e.g., in restaurants
 2. "___ that Shakespearean Rag / It's so elegant / So intelligent." - T.S. Eliot

3. Wayne Gretzky's spanned 20 seasons.: 2 wds.
4. Dependable
5. Alberta: Drumheller's terrain
6. Egypt's cont.
7. Was cut, did this
8. Fabled fellow
9. Speedometer meas.
10. The Great Wall of ___
11. Song segment
12. "Should ___ or should..." - The Clash
15. Stars, in Latin
19. Beer mug, fancy-style
21. FM's opposites
25. What flat tires have in them: 2 wds.

27. "Quo ___?" (Latin: Where are you going?)
28. Canadian director Mr. Egoyan
29. -Cola's partner
31. Spouseless she-spouse
34. Took notice: 2 wds.
36. 18-wheelers
38. Post-death kingdom, some believe
39. Frying pan, ___
40. Approximations [abbr.]
42. Great hockey Right Winger, Mark ___
43. Gabrielle of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
48. Famous mountains
50. Root vegetable
52. Idaho's capital
53. Acquire
54. Movie-___ (Film attendees)
55. "My Sharona" by The ___
57. Competitor
60. Similar
62. Leo Tolstoy's The Death of ___ Ilych
63. Paddles
65. Flower's friend
66. New newt

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

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MIN: -6°



MAX: 1°
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